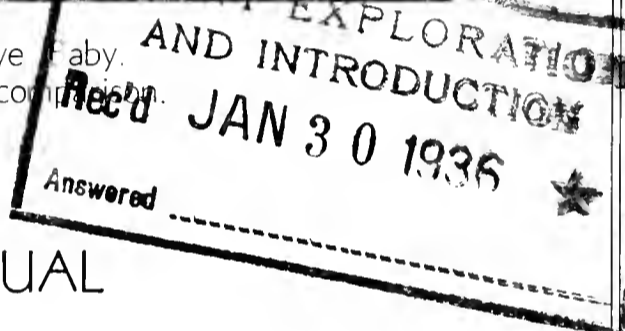


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Charlotte Anne arranging Buckeye Baby,
Red Head and Buckeye Jr. for size comparison.



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To Our Patrons—

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation and splendid spirit shown by you during the trying seasons just past with their great extremes of weather and rainfall.

For this season we have *doubled our cellar and greenhouse space* and will try to further improve our future service to you.

Harley T. Peck.

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QUEEN CITY

Golden Rule Introductions for 1936

“Golden Rule Introductions give me the greatest value in beauty”

QUEEN CITY

IN respect to beauty, performance and utility as a florist's flower Queen City is our most outstanding introduction to date.

The color, after viewing the flowers in the house day after day, will be classed as pink. It is not red in the ordinary conception of the color. It is pinkish light scarlet. We call it “scarlet pink.” The illustration exactly reproduces this remarkable color. This Dahlia was described on Page 4 of our 1935 catalogue and everything we said about it then held true during the season of 1935. Since then, in competition with very large blooms, it has won many honors at the Dahlia shows including:

American Home Achievement at Indiana Dahlia Society's show; O. V. D. A. Achievement at Cincinnati; 1st as Formal Decorative at both Cincinnati and Cleveland; 1st as best keeper at both shows. All undisseminated classes.

Queen City was awarded Certificate of Merit at the O. V. D. A. Trial Grounds at Cincinnati, scoring 89 points. From May planting it produces flowers from July till frost, blooming during the hot weather periods when the average dahlia is not good and these hot weather flowers keep the longest.

The florist is discriminating. He wants a flower that will keep and that will handle well in a variety of decorations. Queen City is the first variety since Jersey's Beauty that we have grown with full success as a florist's flower and it produces at least three times as many blooms. The stems are 100% long and straight. It should of course, be disbudded and the flowers should be cut as soon as the first petals start to turn back, and placed in a cool dark place. Within a few hours, the flower will then open fully to a ball 5 to 7 inches across. Don't leave the flowers for long on the bush. Cut them; beautify your home with these lovely flowers, and the bushes will surprise you by quickly producing many more. Queen City likes to be planted early. It does not deteriorate during the hot weather.

We have shipped Queen City this season to Cleveland; Columbus, Ind.; Port Huron, Mich.; and New York City, by railway express, and at all places they arrived in good condition, and after being put on display were outstanding through the end of the show.

Visitors at our farm purchased every bloom of this Dahlia that we could spare. It is the best cut-flower dahlia we have ever grown. Although this is a twenty-five dollar Dahlia if there ever was one, our adequate stock of nice roots enables us to offer it as follows:

- Strong, field-grown root divisions.....**\$15.00** each
- Stocky Green Plants **7.50** each
- Clumps from 5 in. pots (Guaranteed 2 divisions)..... **11.25** each
- Orders for two or more of Queen City may deduct 10%.

In naming this dahlia after the city of Cincinnati, we wish to pay tribute to the fact that Cincinnati has been, as far back as 1915, the pioneer city of the mid-west in growing and showing fine Dahlias, and today grows in great quantity and shows each fall as fine Dahlias as can be found anywhere.

Blooms of Queen City may be ordered to be shipped to any point within 1000 miles from July 15 to frost.

- Long stemmed flowers, express paid..... **\$2.50** per doz.

BUCKEYE BABY

Miniature Formal Decorative

WHEN miniature Dahlias first became widely grown we were amazed at the large size of some of them. The word miniature seemed to demand something small and we still believe that a miniature should be less than three inches. Buckeye Baby is a very small flower, 1½ to 2½ inches. Color, gold buff lightly shaded red on reverse. Dwarf in height. Won 1st prize in miniature class at Cincinnati. See illustration front cover.

This was one of the very earliest Dahlias to bloom on our farm. The plants are all free and rapid blooming and vigorous and all the stems are long and straight. The best miniature by far that we have ever grown or seen. It is like Little Jewell "a real miniature" in size of flower, but will bloom and grows well under all sorts of conditionsPlants **\$2.00** each

New Introductions of Other Growers

The New Dahlias of Domestic origin herewith listed are from Mr. Derrill Hart's December, 1935, Review or "Honor Roll."

ADORABLE, I. D., (Parkway) A fine combination of peach pink and gold. One of the 1935 introductions that proved to be outstanding. It has superb beauty and splendid growing qualities in the garden.....Plants **\$2.50**

CALIFORNIA PEACH, S. C., (Ballay) A flower like Satan but in a clear coral pink. A grand variety of great beauty. It was the Achievement Medal winner at Boston, 1935. Plants **\$7.50**

CALIFORNIA IDOL, I. D., (Ballay '35) Yellow. It is said that this is more vigorous than other yellows. It was very fine as exhibited at Cleveland. Plants **\$5.00**

CHALLENGER, S. C., (Siebrecht). A rich Cardinal red with gold at the base of the petals with small petaloids. The color is very brilliant and rich. The bush is a nice clean grower, open foliage and the blooms are carried on long strong stems well out of the foliage. A gorgeous dahlia in every respect. The red Semi-cactus that won two firsts at the recent New York A. D. S. Show. A basket of 12 blooms won as the best cactus or semi-cactus. In the color classes a vase of it won over Satan....Plants **\$2.50**

CHEROKEE, S. C., (Ballay) Lavender pink. This large dahlia is considered by the originator to be similar to Elegance in quality. This being so, it is very good indeed.Plants **\$5.00**

GEORGE WASHINGTON, I. D., (Sutcliffe-Parella). A great dahlia named in honor for the Father of our Country. Deep rose pink with silver tips, but the tips are not on all petals. Large flower and a very fine formation. The color deepens at the base of the petals. Perfect stems and has a wonderful growing habit. A tall plant with wonderful branching habits and very fine dark green foliage, insect resisting. Growing this dahlia once, means it will have a choice spot in your garden every year. Plants **\$5.00**

ENTRUPS MONARCH, I. D., (Entrup). Brilliant clear carmine on a white ground. Vigorous.Plants **\$1.50**

MAJOR BOWES, I. D., (Dedrich-Veile). Geranium red shading to carmine red giving the effect of an inward glow to the flower. Flowers of immense size on very tall bushes. The foliage is heavy and dark green. One of the best new seedlings shown at the New York Show.Plants **\$5.00**

MATADOR, I. D., (Stredwick). Clear Apricot, huge flower, petals long and broad, stiff stems. English.Plants **\$1.50**

MARGRACE, I. D., (Bissell). A brilliant scarlet tipped and striped with gold. A very large flower on an extra good stem. It scored certificates of merit at three trial grounds, and is listed in three "Honor Rolls."..Plants **\$5.00**

MRS. HERBERT O'CONNOR, Inc. C. (Dahliadel). The exceptional qualities are long slender, yet erect stems, good size, 9x5 in. and an unusually bright color, which is soft rose pink deepening at center. Dark healthy open foliage and a profuse and continuous bloomer, bush 5½ ft. One of the best incurved cactus introductions in recent years.Plants **\$5.00**

MISS LONG ISLAND, I. D., (Jeffords-Parrella). A tall grower with splendid habits and a very attractive plant. The color is bright watermelon pink. Some of the petals show tips of silver. It is a bright sparkling color and a very pleasing clean cut flower. Unusual and disease and insect resistant foliage and attractive shapes. The petal of this dahlia has that rare ruffled formation which is unusual and beautiful. It is in a class by itself. If you want a garden full of blooms from beginning to the end of the season do not overlook Miss Long Island.....Plants **\$3.75**

MISS GLORY, S. C. (Ballay). A very beautiful pale apricot, this dahlia was generally considered one of the outstanding varieties on trial at Storr's last season.Plants **\$7.50**

ORCHID QUEEN, I D., (Chappaqua). A lovely orchid pink bloom of great size and beauty. Held firmly erect on the best of stems. It is a huge, heavy petalled flower of great depth and normally grows 10 to 12 inches. Plants grow 5 to 6 feet tall. A fine open grower with blooms held well out of the foliage. A Roll of Honor Dahlia. Don't miss it.Plants **\$5.00**

ORCHID LADY, F. D. Miniature, (Groll). Color, amaranth pink to mallow pink. Flowering habit excellent, profuse. Long lasting. Stem strong and stiff. Height, 4 ft.Plants **\$1.00**

PINK SPIRAL, Inc. C. A Holland novelty. A peach blossom, pink with a touch of primrose at base of petals and at center of flower. One of the best of the new foreign introductions.Plants **\$2.50**

RED JUG, S. C. (Preas). Cardinal red tipped yellow, averaging ten inches diameter and five deep. It has numerous prizes and medals to its credit as an undisseminated variety in 1934 and 1935, also winning certificate of merit at Storrs, 1935. The flowers have remarkable lasting qualities when cut.....Plants **\$5.00**

OAKLEIGH MONARCH, I. D. (Oakleigh Gardens). A very large and deep flower of a brilliant cerise red. The blooms are remarkable keepers on fine straight stems. Certificate of Merit at East Lansing. A heavy foliaged, vigorous plant. Plants **\$5.00**

OAKLEIGH PRINCESS, S. C., (Oakleigh Gardens). Another immense dahlia, and in a new color, bright yellow overcast with scarlet. Certificate of Merit at Storrs, a strong growing variety.....Plants **\$5.00**

SARA KAY, S. C. (Hunt-Burnett). One of the most outstanding dahlias in the 1935 N. Y. Show and runner up in the Achievement Medal class. A fine golden yellow and will grow up to thirteen inches. Strong plants with rich leathery foliage.Plants **\$5.00**

TANNENBURG, S. C. (Importation from France). Bright scarlet with gold tips.Plants **\$1.50**

VOITE ERFOLD, Large cactus. Purple like Purple King (European).Plants **\$1.50**

TWELFTH ANNUAL TABLE OF RATINGS and PRICE LIST

EXPLANATION—In the tabulation each variety of Dahlia is rated on the scale of 100 points for perfection for five most important qualities. In the rating for Beauty, the variety is compared only with others of the same type and color. In arriving at the other ratings all large-flowered Dahlias are compared. For generally good and most reliable results, especially in a hot climate, we recommend the purchase only of those varieties which have a figure of merit of 85 or more. These will be your best investment. For certain specific purposes, some of those rating under 85 may be found excellent, especially in sheltered gardens, and in more favorable climates.

These ratings are based on the performance of each variety at Golden Rule Farm and other gardens with which we are familiar. In other locations and climates we cannot guarantee that any variety will perform as indicated by these ratings.

FORMAL DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

Fully double flowers, floral rays generally broad, either pointed or rounded at tips with outer floral rays tending to recurve and central floral rays tending to be cupped, all floral rays in a somewhat regular arrangement. Example: Buckeye Bride, Thos. A. Edison.

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*Varieties with Figure of Merit 85 or more

	Price per Root	Price per Plant	Starts Blooming	Size of Flower	Height	Beauty	Substance	Stem and Pose of Flower	Floriferousness	Vigor and Resistance	Figure of Merit
*Anna Benedict, Very Dark Red	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	Midseason	7- 9	Tall	90	86	88	85	90	88
*Autumn Moon, Gold	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	Midseason	7-10	Med.	86	86	80	94	90	87
Bagdad, Scarlet	\$.75	\$.50	Early	6- 9	Med.	86	80	86	70	75	77
*Buckeye Bride, Salmon Pink	\$.50	\$.50	Early	5- 9	Med.	97	70	96	96	92	90
*Buckeye King, Gold	\$.75	\$.50	Midseason	7-10	Med.	92	70	96	96	92	90
*Buckeye Queen, Lavender	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	Late	8-12	Med.	96	94	92	70	73	85
*Buckeye Peach, Autumn Shades	\$.75	\$.50	Midseason	5- 8	Med.	80	80	89	86	90	85
*Cavalcade, Rose Shaded Old Rose	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	Early	7-10	Med.	86	70	94	96	95	88
Champoege, Yellow and Coral	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	8-10	Med.	86	80	82	86	80	83
*Chautauqua Sunset, Gold and Coral		\$ 1.50	Midseason	8-10	Med.	92	80	92	80	88	86
Commodore, Yellow	\$.50		Early	8-11	Dwarf	84	60	86	98	89	84
*Dr. J. H. Carmen, Rose Red	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	8-10	Med.	86	75	90	88	90	86
Dorothy Stone, Pink	\$.50		Midseason	7-10	Med.	92	80	88	70	80	82
Dwight W. Morrow, Bright Red	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	7-10	Med.	95	82	70	88	88	84

*Edw. Thos. Bedford, Purple.....	\$.75.....	.50.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Med.	87.....	82.....	85.....	86.....	85
*Elissa Landi, Bright Orange.....	\$ 2.00.....	\$ 1.00.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	92.....	88.....	86.....	85.....	88
Eliza London Sheppard, Gold	\$.50.....	.50.....	Midseason	6- 9.....	Med.	90.....	80.....	82.....	80.....	84
Full Moon, Yellow	\$.75.....	.50.....	Midseason	7-12.....	Med.	85.....	85.....	90.....	75.....	82
Golden Eclipse, Golden Yellow	\$.75.....	.50.....	Late	6- 8.....	Tall	90.....	92.....	86.....	40.....	79
Helen Ivins, Lavender.....	\$.50.....	.....	Midseason	6- 7.....	Med.	86.....	78.....	70.....	88.....	82
*Honor Bright, Clear Bronze	\$ 1.50.....	.75.....	Early	7-10.....	Med.	90.....	86.....	80.....	94.....	89
*Iroquois Sunbeam, Clear Buff	\$.75.....	.50.....	Midseason	6- 8.....	Med.	90.....	78.....	92.....	88.....	86
*Jane Ross, Purple.....	\$ 2.50.....	\$ 1.25.....	Early	6- 8.....	Med.	86.....	86.....	88.....	80.....	86
*Jersey's Beauty, Pink.....	\$.50.....	.50.....	Midseason	4- 6.....	Tall	92.....	88.....	94.....	84.....	88
King of Blacks, Dark Red.....	\$.75.....	.50.....	Early	6- 7.....	Dwarf	75.....	85.....	75.....	90.....	82
*La Reina, Golden Buff.....	\$ 1.00.....	.50.....	Midseason	9-11.....	Med.	88.....	85.....	80.....	90.....	86
Lady Ponsonby, Yellow	\$ 2.00.....	\$ 1.00.....	Midseason	6- 8.....	Med.	90.....	80.....	90.....	75.....	84
*Man O'War, Deep Red	\$ 2.00.....	\$ 1.00.....	Early	8-10.....	Med.	90.....	88.....	88.....	90.....	89
Mary Ellen, orchid	\$.75.....	.50.....	Late	8-10.....	Med.	96.....	84.....	90.....	70.....	84
*Meadowbrook, Light Purple.....	\$.50.....	.50.....	Early	6-10.....	Tall	88.....	80.....	80.....	88.....	85
Mrs. Ide Vere Warner, Orchid.....	\$.50.....	.....	Midseason	6- 8.....	Med.	84.....	85.....	86.....	80.....	84
Omar Khayyam, Orange and Red.....	\$.75.....	.50.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	85.....	85.....	85.....	75.....	84
Queen of the Garden, Light Yellow.....	\$.50.....	.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	88.....	70.....	92.....	85.....	84
*Queen City, Scarlet Pink, NEW.....	\$15.00.....	\$ 7.50.....	Early	5- 7.....	Med.	97.....	92.....	94.....	94.....	91
Rainbow's End, Red and Gold.....	\$ 1.50.....	.75.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	85.....	86.....	86.....	80.....	84
*Rockley Moon, Yellow.....	\$ 2.50.....	\$ 1.25.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	87.....	84.....	90.....	70.....	85
*Ruby Taylor, Dark Purple.....	\$ 1.00.....	.50.....	Early	6- 8.....	Med.	86.....	85.....	90.....	85.....	86
*Sagamore, Golden Yellow	\$.50.....	.....	Midseason	4- 6.....	Med.	88.....	88.....	84.....	80.....	85
*Saladini, Apricot Orange.....	\$.50.....	.....	Early	6- 8.....	Med.	80.....	70.....	80.....	99.....	85
Tang, Scarlet and Gold.....	.....	\$ .50.....	Late	6- 8.....	Med.	88.....	85.....	85.....	50.....	78
*The World, Purple and Silver.....	\$.75.....	.50.....	Midseason	6- 9.....	Med.	90.....	86.....	84.....	84.....	85
Thos. A. Edison, Deep Purple	\$.75.....	.50.....	Late	6- 8.....	Med.	96.....	86.....	88.....	70.....	84
*Wm. H. Hogan, Red Topped White.....	\$.50.....	.....	Midseason	5- 7.....	Med.	90.....	90.....	86.....	75.....	85
*W. H. T., Old Rose	\$.50.....	.....	Midseason	5- 7.....	Med.	88.....	86.....	85.....	80.....	85
*Violet Wonder, Purple.....	\$.50.....	.50.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	90.....	88.....	90.....	80.....	85

INFORMAL DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

Informal Decorative: Petals more irregular than in the Formal type, some being pointed, waved or curled. Examples, Jane Cowl, Kathleen Norris.

*Adirondack Sunset, Scarlet and Gold.....	\$ 5.00.....	\$ 2.50.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Tall	91.....	88.....	92.....	70.....	85
America's Sweetheart, Yellow.....	\$10.00.....	\$ 5.00.....	Late	7- 9.....	Med.	90.....	85.....	90.....	50.....	75
American Legion, Yellow.....	\$ 2.00.....	\$ 1.00.....	Midseason	8- 0.....	Tall	96.....	91.....	10.....	85.....	84
*Andrea Erickson, White.....	\$ 1.00.....	.50.....	Early	6-10.....	Med.	95.....	75.....	96.....	95.....	90
*Arcturus, Scarlet and Gold.....	\$ 1.50.....	.75.....	Midseason	6-10.....	Tall	88.....	90.....	92.....	85.....	88
*Amy Martin Gardin, Rose, Light Reverse.....	\$.50.....	.50.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Med.	93.....	80.....	86.....	80.....	86
*Cape May, Inc. C. Lt. Pink, White Center.....	\$ 5.00.....	\$ 2.50.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Med.	88.....	85.....	92.....	70.....	85

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Cameo, Coral Rose	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	Late	7-10	Dwarf	96	86	90	60	75	81
*Chinese Lantern, Chinese Scarlet	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	Early	7- 9	Med.	82	85	88	80	90	85
City of Trenton, Bronze	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	6- 8	Med.	85	88	85	75	85	83
*Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, Dark Red	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	Midseason	8-10	Med.	92	80	90	80	83	85
*Clara Barton, Lavender	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	Early	8-10	Med.	86	96	90	90	88	90
Eleanor Radell, Rose and Pink	\$ 1.00	\$.50	Late	6- 8	Tall	80	80	86	50	90	77
*Eagle Rock Fantasy, Lavender	\$ 1.00	\$.50	Midseason	8-10	Med.	90	85	90	75	85	85
*Fort Monmouth, Dark Red	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	7-10	Tall	90	80	92	92	86	88
Forest Fire, Red and Gold	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	Late	6- 8	Med.	80	85	82	60	90	79
*Good Night, Maroon to Blackish Red		\$.50	Midseason	7-10	Med.	90	85	90	88	90	89
Gov. Franklin Roosevelt, Light Red	\$.50		Midseason	5- 7	Med.	80	80	90	85	85	84
*Great Harbor, Clear Red		\$ 1.00	Midseason	8-10	Med.	94	85	85	86	88	87
*Grace Curling, Lavender	\$.75	\$.50	Midseason	6- 8	Med.	90	86	88	85	85	87
*Grande, Red and Gold	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	Midseason	9-12	Dwarf	78	75	92	88	92	85
Harriet Neal, Gold	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	Midseason	9- 9	Med.	90	84	80	82	85	84
Hillcrest Royalist, Dark Red, Lt. Reverse	\$.50		Late	8-10	Tall	84	82	82	70	94	82
Hillcrest Mandarin, Red and Gold	\$ 1.50	\$.75	Late	8-11	Tall	88	86	90	60	96	84
*Jane Cowl, Golden Bronze to Gold	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	7-10	Tall	92	80	90	80	98	88
Jane Dew, Pink		\$ 1.00	Early	8-10	Med.	92	80	82	92	75	84
James Kirby, Red	\$.75	\$.50	Late	5- 7	Tall	94	90	70	40	88	76
Janet Southwick, Purple Lt. Shadings	\$.50		Midseason	7- 9	Med.	90	90	84	75	84	84
*Josephine G., Lt. Pink	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	6- 8	Med.	90	75	90	85	88	85
*Kathleen Norris, Pink	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	7-10	Med.	98	84	90	80	80	86
Kaweah, Rose Purple		\$.75	Late	8-10	Med.	80	85	90	40	75	74
Kentucky Red, Light Scarlet	\$ 1.00	\$.50	Midseason	6- 8	Med.	92	80	85	75	75	82
La Fiesta, Deep Yellow, Penciled Orange	\$ 1.50	\$.75	Midseason	8-10	Tall	90	82	82	80	84	83
*Lord of Autumn, Deep Yellow		\$ 1.50	Midseason	9-12	Med.	96	86	84	90	80	87
Mary Baker, Deep Yellow	\$.75	\$.50	Early	7-10	Dwarf	84	82	86	86	86	84
Meta Scammel, Bright Pink	\$.50		Midseason	7- 9	Tall	90	75	70	85	85	81
Monmouth General, terra cotta	\$.75	\$.50	Midseason	6-10	Med.	84	80	60	80	83	77
Monmouth Pennant, Flame Tpd. White	\$ 1.50	\$.75	Midseason	7-10	Tall	88	87	80	75	85	83
*Monmouth Sunburst, Golden Salmon	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	Midseason	7- 9	Med.	85	80	84	90	86	85

*Mrs. Geo. Le Boutilliere, Dark Red.....	\$ 5.00.....	\$ 2.50.....	Midseason	9-12.....	Med.	87.....	88.....	80.....	85.....	90.....	86.....
*Mrs. Kenyon, Lt. Pink.....	\$.50.....		Midseason	5- 8.....	Dwarf	86.....	80.....	80.....	92.....	88.....	85.....
Murphy's Masterpiece, Dark Red.....		\$ 1.00.....	Midseason	8-10.....	Med.	92.....	90.....	90.....	70.....	70.....	82.....
Myra Howard, Orange.....	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Med.	85.....	87.....	80.....	80.....	80.....	82.....
*Orinda, Light Purple.....	\$.50.....	\$.50.....	Midseason	8-11.....	Very tall	tall 85.....	82.....	80.....	85.....	95.....	85.....
*Oriental Glory, Deep Orange.....	\$ 1.50.....	\$.75.....	Early	7- 9.....	Med.	90.....	80.....	80.....	90.....	90.....	86.....
Palo Alto, Salmon Pink.....		\$.75.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	85.....	80.....	90.....	85.....	60.....	80.....
Pres. Roosevelt, Scarlet.....	\$ 2.00.....	\$ 1.00.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	80.....	84.....	90.....	85.....	85.....	84.....
Princetonian, Autumn Shades.....	\$ 1.00.....	\$.50.....	Early	8-10.....	Tall	80.....	70.....	90.....	90.....	90.....	84.....
Prince of Persia, Scarlet Red.....	\$.50.....		Late	8-10.....	Tall	90.....	82.....	82.....	65.....	95.....	83.....
*Robert Emmett, Bright Red.....	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	93.....	93.....	90.....	85.....	80.....	88.....
Son of Commodore, Yellow, White Rev.....	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Early	7-10.....	Med.	83.....	80.....	85.....	85.....	90.....	84.....
*Sonny Boy, Golden Salmon Rose.....	\$ 2.00.....	\$ 1.00.....	Midseason	8-10.....	Med.	88.....	85.....	88.....	90.....	90.....	88.....
*Spotlight, Yellow, Lt. Reverse.....	\$ 1.50.....	\$.75.....	Midseason	8-10.....	Med.	80.....	80.....	85.....	75.....	80.....	80.....
*Sultan of Hillerest, Gold Buff.....		\$.75.....	Midseason	10-12.....	Dwarf	88.....	88.....	88.....	75.....	88.....	85.....
*Tower's Empire, Gold	\$ 7.50.....	\$ 3.75.....	Early	8-10.....	Tall	93.....	70.....	88.....	86.....	95.....	86.....
*Washington Giant, Lavender.....	\$ 2.00.....	\$ 1.00.....	Midseason	8-10.....	Med.	86.....	88.....	92.....	85.....	80.....	86.....
White Wonder, White.....	\$ 2.00.....	\$ 1.00.....	Late	8-10.....	Med.	80.....	70.....	80.....	60.....	90.....	76.....
*Wm. Rathgeber, Clear Red.....	\$ 1.00.....	\$.50.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Tall	94.....	75.....	90.....	85.....	85.....	86.....
*Velvet Wonder, Burgundy.....	\$ 7.50.....	\$ 3.75.....	Midseason	9-12.....	Med.	92.....	82.....	90.....	80.....	80.....	85.....
Zion's Pride, Golden Yellow.....	\$ 2.50.....	\$ 1.25.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Tall	85.....	85.....	88.....	75.....	90.....	84.....

SEMI-CACTUS DAHLIAS

At least a majority of petals rolled at tips only.
Examples : EDNA FERBER, JEAN TRIMBEE, FRAU BRACHT.

*Agnes Young, Red Tpd. Gold	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Early	6- 8.....	Med.	85.....	85.....	85.....	85.....	85.....	85.....
*Altmark, White Flushed Lilac.....		\$ 1.00.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Dwarf	88.....	85.....	90.....	80.....	80.....	85.....
*Amelia Earhart, Gold Apricot	\$ 3.00.....	\$ 1.50.....	Midseason	7-11.....	Med.	94.....	85.....	82.....	85.....	80.....	85.....
*Bette Davis, Mauve	\$ 7.50.....	\$ 3.75.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	92.....	88.....	92.....	85.....	87.....	88.....
*City of Cleveland, Orange Scarlet.....	\$ 5.00.....	\$ 2.50.....	Midseason	6- 9.....	Med.	85.....	88.....	85.....	80.....	88.....	85.....
Edna Ferber, Coral Gold.....	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Midseason	6-10.....	Med.	90.....	80.....	75.....	82.....	87.....	83.....
*Elegance, Golden Yellow.....	\$ 3.00.....	\$ 1.50.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Med.	94.....	90.....	90.....	96.....	88.....	92.....
*Elkridge, White	\$.50.....	\$.50.....	Early	5- 8.....	Med.	88.....	70.....	80.....	92.....	90.....	85.....
Fay Beaton, White.....	\$ 1.00.....	\$.50.....	Midseason	7- 9.....	Med.	86.....	85.....	88.....	80.....	80.....	84.....
Florence Louise, Lavender and Gold	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Late	7- 9.....	Tall	88.....	96.....	84.....	65.....	86.....	84.....
*Frau O. Bracht, Pale Yellow.....	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Midseason	5- 9.....	Med.	98.....	96.....	94.....	88.....	75.....	90.....
*Jean Trimbee, Purple.....	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Early	7-10.....	Tall	92.....	84.....	94.....	90.....	90.....	90.....
Karl Bonawitz, Red.....	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Early	5- 8.....	Tall	85.....	85.....	82.....	85.....	85.....	84.....
*Kay Francis, Light Yellow.....	\$ 5.00.....	\$ 2.50.....	Early	6-10.....	Med.	92.....	70.....	90.....	94.....	90.....	87.....
Louise Bates, Lavender.....	\$ 3.00.....	\$ 1.50.....	Midseason	7-10.....	Med.	92.....	85.....	70.....	80.....	88.....	83.....
*May Robson, Pink.....	\$ 5.00.....	\$ 2.50.....	Midseason	6- 8.....	Med.	92.....	94.....	86.....	80.....	92.....	89.....
New Glory, Dark Red, Tpd. White.....	\$.75.....	\$.50.....	Late	6- 8.....	Med.	92.....	80.....	85.....	50.....	80.....	77.....

Abbreviations—Types of Dahlias:											
FD—Formal Decorative											
ID—Informal Decorative											
SC—Semi-Cactus											
Str. C—Straight Cactus											
Inc. C—Incurved Cactus											
Min.—Miniature Dahlias (including all types.)											
Pom.—Pompon Dahlias											
*Varieties with Figure of Merit 85 or more											
	Price per Root	Price per Plant	Starts Blooming	Size of Flower	Height	Beauty	Substance	Stem and Pose	Floriferousness	Vigor and Resistance	Figure of Merit
*Paul Pfitzer, Light Pink and Gold.....		\$.75	Late	6- 8	Med.	96	96	90	70	75	85
*Purple King, True Purple.....	\$ 1.00	\$.50	Midseason	5- 7	Dwarf	90	88	92	85	85	88
*Queen of the Angels, Bright Pink.....	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	Midseason	6-10	Tall	92	97	94	80	92	91
Rudy Vallee, Gold Bronze.....		\$.50	Midseason	6- 9	Med.	90	86	90	70	80	83
Satan, Red Tpd. Gold.....	\$.75	\$.50	Midseason	7-10	Tall	90	85	75	80	86	83
*Unicum, Salmon Pink, Centre Yellow.....	\$ 1.00	\$.50	Midseason	5- 6	Med.	86	88	88	80	90	86
STRAIGHT AND INCURVED CACTUS DAHLIAS											
Straight Cactus—Str. C.—Petals straight and rolled entire length. Incurved Cactus—Inc. C.—Petals rolled entire length and incurved or bent toward center of flower.											
American Triumph, Red Inc. C.....	\$ 1.00	\$.50	Late	5- 7	Med.	92	85	92	50	50	73
Ambassador, Tan Str. C.....	\$.75	\$.50	Midseason	6- 8	Med.	87	82	92	75	78	83
*Frau Ida Mansfield, Yellow Str. C.....		\$.75	Early	6- 8	Med.	92	90	90	80	85	87
*Golden Standard, Golden Tan, St. C.....	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	Midseason	6-10	Tall	95	90	90	75	75	85
*Harry Strutt, Red Inc. C.....	\$.50	\$.50	Midseason	4- 7	Med.	90	85	82	92	83	86
*Jersey's Dainty, White Inc. C.....	\$ 1.50	\$.75	Midseason	5- 7	Dwarf	90	84	94	85	85	88
Lois Marion, Pinkish Buff, St. C.....	\$ 1.00	\$.50	Late	5- 6	Tall	75	80	90	40	85	73
*Margaret Starke, orchid St. C.....	\$.50		Early	4- 6	Dwarf	85	86	84	96	85	87
*Miss Belgium, Light Scarlet St. C.....		\$.75	Midseason	4- 5	Dwarf	90	86	86	82	80	85
*Mrs. Bruce Collins, Yellow St. C.....	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	Early	5- 7	Dwarf	88	80	80	97	85	86
*Victoria, Yellow Inc. C.....	\$ 1.50	\$.75	Midseason	4- 5	Dwarf	88	86	85	85	86	86



"BUCKEYE QUEEN"

GOLDEN RULE ARISTOCRATS

THIS list includes only outstanding varieties, before the public one season or longer. These varieties, to get on this list, must have been reasonably free from weak plants and superlative in other respects, with emphasis on reliability of blooming.

Ambassador, light tan cactus.
Andrea Erickson, white I. D.
Amelia Earhart, apricot S. C.
Buckeye Bride, Pink F. D.
Buckeye King, Gold F. D.
Bette Davis, Mauve S. C.
Cavalcade, Old rose F. D.
Clara Barton, Lavender I. D.
Elegance, Gold S. C.
Elissa Landi, Orange F. D.
Fort Monmouth, Dark Red, I. D.
Frau O. Bracht, Pale yellow S. C.
Honor Bright, Deep orange F. D.
Harry Strutt, Red Inc. C.
Jane Cowl, Bronze gold, I. D.

Jersey's Beauty, Pink F. D.
Jean Trimbee, Purple S. C.
Kathleen Norris, Pink I. D.
Kay Francis, Yellow S. C.
Lord of Autumn, Yellow I. D.
Man O'War, Red F. D.
Miss Belgium, Henna Scarlet Cactus.
May Robson, Pink S. C.
Mrs. Bruce Collins, Str. C. St. Yellow.
Oriental Glory, Deep orange I. D.
Queen of the Angels, Pink Inc. C.
Saladini, Orange F. D.
Tower's Empire, Gold I. D.
Victoria, Inc. C. Yellow.

MINIATURES, POMS, AND BALL DAHLIAS

Baby Royal, Salmon Pink, Min. S. C.
Honey, Orange Pom.
Goldilocks, Yellow pom.
Dee Dee, Lavender Pom.
Mary Mums, Purple pom.
Johnnie, Dark red pom.

Red Head, Orange scarlet Min. I. D.
Jean Kerr, White ball.
Princess Aline, Pink ball.
Mary Helen, Yellow ball.
Bishop of Landaff, Duplex bright red.
Pytie Conway, Lavender Min. F. D.

Show or Ball Dahlias

	<i>Price per root</i>	<i>Price per plant</i>
Jean Kerr, white.....	.50	.50
Jersey Beacon Ball, orange scarlet .....		.50
Mary Helen, yellow.....	.75	.50
Mrs. J. P. Smith, dark red.....	.75	.50
Pink Ball, pink.....		.50
Princess Aline, pink.....	.50	....
Shirley Temple, yellow.....		1.00

Miniature Dahlias

Baby Royal, S. C., pinkish Salmon.....	.75	.50
Bishop of Landaff, Duplex, Red.....	1.50	.75
Buckeye Baby, F. D., Gold Buff, (New 1936).....		2.00
Buckeye Jr., F. D., Rose Bronze .....	.50	.50
Camelia, Duplex, Scarlet Orange.....	.50	....
Carla, S. C., Buff Shaded Pink .....	.75	.50
Dahliadel Joy, Duplex Cast, yellow.....	1.50	.75
Jean, S. C., Buff.....	.35	...
Little Jewell, I. D., Bright pink .....	.75	.50
Muriel, F. D., Old rose.....		....
Pytie Conway, F. D., lavender.....		.75
Red Head, I. D., Orange Scarlet.....	.50	.50
Skippy, F. D., White typd. Red.....	.75	.50
Sweetheart, F. D., Carmine tpd. white.....	.50	.50
Blue Bird, F. D., Deep lavender.....	.50	....

Pompon Dahlias

Anna von Schwerin, Pink, Light Centre.....		.50
Atom, Red, very small.....	.50	.50
Dee Dee, lavender.....	.50	....
Goldilocks, gold .....	.50	....
Honey, Gold shaded red.....	.50	.50
Jack, dark red .....	.50	.50
Johnnie, dark red, very small.....	.50	.50
Jill, yellow, tpd. carmine .....	.50	.50
Little Red Riding Hood, bright red.....		1.00
Mike, orange scarlet.....	.50	.50
Nerissa, orchid pink.....		.50
Mary Mums, purple.....	.50	.50
Yellow Gem, yellow .....	.50	.50
Joe Fette, white .....		.50



TRADE EXHIBIT AT CINCINNATI

It was necessary in making this photograph to disarrange the Exhibit considerably in order to avoid shadowing too many flowers.



BUCKEYE KING—HART'S HONOR ROLL

New Dahlias and Older Standards

OUR Table of Ratings (see index) with the higher rated dahlias indicated by asterisk * and its individual ratings and descriptions with prices, presents our list of offerings so that even an inexperienced Dahlia grower may select the best varieties.

We are therefore, in this catalogue departing from the conventional method of saying only the good things about a dahlia variety. The Table of Rating shows a variety's weak points as well as its strong ones.

However, in the following, we are offering a few remarks about some recent introductions as well as a few old ones that have survived the test of time.

ADIRONDACK SUNSET, I. D., Scarlet and gold (Parkway, '35). This Dahlia appeared to advantage and the blooms lasted well in the fall exhibitions.

Roots **\$5.00**—Pot clumps **\$3.75**—Plants **\$2.50**.

ALTMARK, S. C. White flushed lilac. An extremely beautiful foreign variety.

Pot clumps **\$1.50**—Plants **\$1.00**

AMELIA EARHART, S. C., Gold Apricot. This variety is still one of the best of exhibition Dahlias.....Roots **\$3.00**—Pot clumps **\$2.25**—Plants **\$1.50**

AMERICA'S SWEETHEART, I. D., Deep Yellow (American D. Farms '35). A quite vigorous, large new exhibition Dahlia.

Roots **\$10.00**—Pot clumps **\$7.50**—Plants **\$5.00**

ANDREA ERICKSON, I. D., White. Though not new this is the best large flowered white we ever grew.....Roots **\$1.00**—Pot clumps **\$.75**—Plants **\$.50**

ANNA BENEDICT, F. D., (Dahliadel '35). This is the very best we have yet grown of any of the black-red Dahlias. Very vigorous, free-blooming and keeps well on the exhibition table.....Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.50**

AUTUMN MOON, F. D., (Mad River '35) Gold Buff, free blooming, vigorous and much admired in our garden. Perfect in form.....Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.50**

BETTE DAVIS, S. C., Mauve or orchid. (Eastman '35) This was for us one of the very best of the '35 introductions. The quality and beauty of the large flowers was superb. Vigor was good. We want to see more dahlias like this put before the public in the future.Pot clumps **\$5.00**—Plants **\$3.75**

BUCKEYE KING, F. D. Gold. "King" has proven to be the best of our 1934 offerings. The Nashville Agricultural Institute wrote us "Buckeye King not only did exceptionally well here, but kept longer as a cut flower than any other large dahlia we have ever grown. We think it is an unusually fine dahlia for the South and we believe it will become decidedly popular as a high-class cut flower." Being extremely vigorous and productive of roots and plants, the law of supply and demand has operated quickly. Everyone should and can grow it.Roots **.75**—Plants **.50**

BUCKEYE QUEEN, F. D. (Golden Rule '35) Clear lavender. This is the only Dahlia of its color we have been able to use consistently in our exhibitions. It keeps a long time when cut and we sell the flowers to florists.....Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.50**

CHINESE LANTERN, I. D., Chinese scarlet, (Mad River '35). A very vigorous and productive new Dahlia.....Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.50**

CITY OF CLEVELAND, S. C., Orange Scarlet. (Bissell '35). This was one of the most lasting flowers in our garden.....Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.50**

CORNELIA BRYCE PINCHOT, I. D., Burgundy Red. (Veile & Mendham '35). This flower is larger, deeper and lasts longer than Fort Monmouth.

Roots **\$5.00**—Pot clumps **\$3.75**—Plants **\$2.50**

CAPE MAY, Inc. C., (American D. F. '35). One of our correspondents wrote that this was the best Dahlia in his garden last season. Extremely vigorous. An incurved cactus, large, shell pink with white center.

Roots **\$5.00**—Pot clumps **\$3.75**—Plants **\$2.50**

CAVALCADE, F. D., Old Rose. (Groll '35). We took pleasure in congratulating the originator on this variety at Cleveland. It is very early and extremely productive. Every flower is good. We rate this Dahlia highly.....Roots **\$3.00**—Plants **\$1.50**

CHAUTAUQUA SUNSET, F. D., Gold and Coral. In its third season, this is still an outstanding variety for beauty....Roots **\$3.00**—Pot clumps **\$2.25**—Plants **\$1.50**

CLARA BARTON, I. D., Lavender shaded white. This lavender is early, very free flowering and we rate it 96 for keeping qualities. Stems unusually long and perfect.
Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$1.00**

ELEGANCE, S. C., Golden yellow. (Ballay 1934). This, to our notion, is the best variety Mr. Ballay has yet introduced, because of the fact that it is not only an exhibition Dahlia par excellence but also can be grown in quantity, is acceptable as a florist's flower, and keeps long when cut. Put three or five flowers of Elegance in your house in a suitable vase and you will at once realize the great value of this very fine Dahlia.Roots **\$3.00**—Pot clumps **\$2.25**—Plants **\$1.50**

ELISSA LANDI, F. D., Bright Orange. In its color and type this variety is supreme. A vigorous lasting Dahlia.....Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$1.00**

FORT MONMOUTH, I. D., Dark Red. This old variety is still outstanding and will be prominent yet for many seasons. Its great vigor and productiveness assure this fact.Roots **.50**—Plants **.50**

FOREST FIRE, I. D., Red and Gold, (Dahliadel '35). This Dahlia was displayed to wonderful advantage at the N. Y. show.....Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.50**

FRAU O. BRACHT, S. C., Light Yellow. Frau Bracht as a flower, in its type and color, is not yet beaten. When cut and put on exhibition it develops and grows in beauty and size and keeps long. We have the best crop of roots we ever produced.
Roots **.75**—Pot clumps **.75**—Plants **.50**

GOLDEN STANDARD, Str. C., Golden Tan. (Downs '35). Produced the best cactus Dahlia blooms we ever had on our farm.....Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.50**

GOOD-NIGHT, I. D., Dark Maroon. For several years the best of the black-reds.
Roots **\$1.00**—Pot clumps **.75**—Plants **.50**

GRANDEE, I. D., Red and gold. A bloom very large in diameter. Strong bushes and plenty of flowers.....Roots **\$2.00**—Plants **\$1.00**

HONOR BRIGHT, F. D., Clear Bronze. Large. Long stems. Plenty of flowers. This is one of our best introductions to date.....Roots **\$1.50**—Plants **.75**

JANE DEW, I. D., Pink. Larger than Kathleen Norris and free flowering.
Pot clumps **\$1.50**—Plants **\$1.00**

JANE ROSS, F. D., (Delight-U '35). A beautiful attractive shade of light purple, almost magenta. A good variety in every way. Strong, good bloomer and nice clumps.
Roots **\$2.50**—Plants **\$1.25**

JEAN TRIMBEE, S. C., Royal Purple. Best of all purples.
Roots **.75**—Pot clumps **.75**—Plants **.50**

JERSEY'S DAINTY, Inc. C., White. Early, free blooming and altogether a very fine cactus Dahlia.....Roots **\$1.50**—Pot clumps **\$1.15**—Plants **.75**

KAY FRANCIS, S. C., Light Yellow. (Eastman '35). This is the most vigorous and prolific in its type and color.....Roots **\$5.00**—Pot clumps **\$3.75**—Plants **\$2.50**

LORD OF AUTUMN, I. D., Yellow. Possibly this is the most beautiful and reliable informal yellow.....Roots **\$3.00**—Pot clumps **\$2.25**—Plants **\$1.50**

LOUISE BATES, S. C., Lavender. This fine flower is very large.
Pot clumps **\$2.25**—Plants **\$1.50**

MAY ROBSON, S. C., True Pink. From its performance this season, we think this is not only one of the most beautiful pinks but also the most vigorous and therefore reliable. The fine flowers kept a long time when cut.
Roots **\$5.00**—Pot clumps **\$3.75**—Plants **\$2.50**

MISS BELGIUM, Str. C., Light Scarlet. A free-blooming foreign introduction of great merit. Very free and the flowers keep long.....Pot clumps **\$1.15**—Plants **.75**

MRS. BRUCE COLLINS, Str. C., Light Yellow. One of the freest flowering Dahlias we ever grew. Low, branching bushes, quite vigorous.
Roots **\$3.00**—Pot clumps **\$2.25**—Plants **\$1.50**

MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIERE, I. D., Bright deep red. (Ruschmohr '35). The largest of the large dahlias, an early and free bloomer on long stems. Its first year, in a difficult season, every plant was strong and healthy and gave a fine clump of tubers.Roots **\$5.00**—Plants **\$2.50**

MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE, I. D., Deep red. It will be long before this very large flower will be beaten in exhibitions.....Pot clumps **\$1.50**—Plants **\$1.00**

PAUL PFITZER, S. C., Light pink and yellow. This is one of the most beautiful dahlias coming from abroad.....Pot clumps **\$1.15**—Plants **.75**

PURPLE KING, S. C., Deep Purple. Another good foreign variety. Very free blooming.....Roots **\$1.00**—Plant **.50**

QUEEN OF THE ANGELS, S. C. Bright true pink. (Pfluger '35). The most spectacular blooms we ever had were of Queen of the Angels this last season. Extremely long stems, strong growing and tall. Keeps long when cut.
Roots **\$4.00**—Pot clumps **\$3.00**—Plants **\$2.00**

RUDY VALLEE, S. C. or Inc. C., Gold Bronze. One of the largest of cactus Dahlias.Roots **\$1.00**—Plants **.50**

ROCKLEY MOON, F. D., Yellow (Ruschmohr '35). Among many very fine 1935 offerings this was possibly the most vigorous.Roots **\$2.50**—Pot clumps **\$1.85**—Plants **\$1.25**

SHIRLEY TEMPLE, Yellow Ball Dahlia (Ruschmohr '35). A very vigorous free blooming sort.....Pot clumps **\$1.50**—Plants **\$1.00**

SULTAN OF HILLCREST, I. D., Gold Buff. One of the largest of all Dahlias.
Pot clumps **\$1.15**—Plants **.75**

SONNY BOY, I. D., Golden Salmon Rose. Many very large flowers are produced at one time on these big strong bushes.....Pot clumps **\$1.50**—Plants **\$1.00**

TOWER'S EMPIRE, I. D., Gold (Parella '35). This new Dahlia was the first to bloom at our farm and continued right through the season. Tall strong bushes. Large and very beautiful.....Roots **\$7.50**—Plants **\$3.75**

WASHINGTON GIANT, I. D., Lavender. The bloom and foliage remind us of Mrs. Carl Salbach. A lively color of lavender, very large and on fine stems.
Roots **\$2.00**—Pot clumps **\$1.50**—Plants **\$1.00**

VELVET WONDER, I. D., (Burnet '35). Burgundy, a deep red. These were some of the biggest as well as the most beautiful blooms we ever had.....Roots **\$7.50**—Pot clumps **\$5.00**—Plants **\$3.75**

VICTORIA, Inc. C., Yellow. This European novelty we found to be a fine cut flower and greatly admired.....Pot clumps **\$1.15**—Plants **.75**

NOTE: Many varieties are not listed in the foregoing descriptive section of this book. You will find them in our table of ratings. If any further information is desired please write us and we will tell you all we know about any given variety.

Pot Roots

DAHLIA pot roots (pot clumps) have been used extensively in Europe for many years. Dahlia growers in this country are not yet acquainted with their great value. For the past five years we have been trying them out at our farm and have found that they are superior in vigor to any other kind of Dahlia planting stock, producing stronger bushes, better flowers and bigger clumps.

Directions: On pages 17 to 19 of this book, we have listed pot clumps of several varieties. Shipment will be made April 15th or later. When received these small clumps should be started in a pot or box to show eyes, then divided using a very thin knife or razor blade and the divisions planted in pots or boxes until plant is well grown about six inches high: must have plenty of sun so as not to be too spindly. Then place outdoors in full sunlight for ½ day keeping roots cool and moist, and the following day or shortly thereafter, plant in the garden or field where it is to grow.

WE GUARANTEE AT LEAST TWO (2) DIVISIONS FROM EACH POT CLUMP



HONOR BRIGHT

CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

Dahlia Plants

A DAHLIA plant is a green growing plant about 5 to 8 inches tall with well established roots such that if set out in your garden as you would a tomato plant for instance, it will grow, develop into a good bush, bloom well and produce a clump of good roots for the following season's planting.

These plants are produced by placing strong dahlia roots on the greenhouse bench about March 1st to 15th in a suitable growing medium, and, when sprouts have grown to a proper stage, separating them from the roots by cutting or breaking them off so as to include the "heel" of the sprout. This insures a normal root growth.

Dahlia plants are becoming more popular each season; not only because they afford a more economical method of purchasing medium to high priced novelties, but also because when properly cared for and grown in well nourished soil they are just as vigorous or more so than roots and produce just as good or better flowers and good clumps.

The dahlia plants offered by Golden Rule Farm are the same as used annually by us to the extent of about fifty per cent or more of our total plantings. The root system is developed to a degree such that in an early drought as in 1930 and 1933, the tops may be even burnt off by the heat and yet later the plant will sprout from the root and produce satisfactorily.

When received the plants should either be promptly set out or placed in pots or boxes of good dirt, watered and allowed to start growth before setting. Straighten roots when setting. If plant is tall or with yellowing foliage top it severely. It has roots which will bring its growth along satisfactorily.

WE ARE CONVINCED that the three most important rules for successfully growing dahlias in a normal soil are: (1) Have the soil well drained. (2) Do not over-fertilize. The use of nitrates or of too much manure from barnyard or hencoop may give good results one season and result the following season in stunts and loss of roots. The people who not only grow good flowers from Dahlia Roots, but also keep them over winter are those who fertilize moderately. A soil too rich also seems to favor the growth of insect pests. (3) Supply humus yearly to your soil. Rye sowed after dahlias are dug and plowed under while still tender is a good source of humus. Any other decayed vegetable matter will also serve the purpose.

Planting

Best Planting Time for Dahlias in Ohio, May 1st to June 15th

A MEDIUM to smallish root makes the best clump. Cut away the tail half of a very large root before planting. Plant the root horizontally when the ground is dry enough, not less than three and one-half feet apart, four inches deep in heavy soil and five to six inches in light soil. A stake should be driven in before planting. Cover the roots, firming well. The plant should appear within a month if not, investigate and if blind (no sprout) notify the one from whom you purchased the root. Cultivate early and often until the plants show buds, then start fertilizing and disbudding. Much harm is sometimes done by cultivating deeply after plants start blooming. The fibrous root system comes close to the surface of the ground and deep cultivation cuts these roots, thus weakening the growth of the plant. After blooming starts, cultivation should not much more than scratch the surface.

Water only when urgently needed and then soak to a good depth. In case of drought after August 1st mulch with straw, peat moss, or other litter between plants to conserve soil moisture. In a clay soil use winter's coal ashes and mix well before planting.

Fertilizing

IN GENERAL it is not wise to fertilize dahlias at planting. In case this is done take care that fertilizer does not come into contact with or near to the tuber or plant.

First, plant in good productive soil. Second, see that the soil contains each season a good proportion of humus. Rye sowed each fall after dahlias are dug and spaded or plowed under when of suitable height in the spring will liven the soil and provide some humus. Well rotted manure is good and should be applied in the fall or winter, never in the spring.

Avoid all chemical fertilizers. Be sure to use the old-fashioned mixed type of commercial fertilizers. This should be applied starting in July at two week intervals, spreading between the plants and raking or cultivating into the top soil. Twenty-five pounds per season for 100 dahlias is about right. Bone meal and wood ashes mixed with the fertilizer is excellent.

For run down soil we recommend rotted manure and the fertilizer top dressings as described above. Fresh manure of any kind should never be used.

Disbudding

VERY few varieties have natural stems long enough for cut flowers. If you want plenty of fine cut flowers for the market, home or exhibition, disbudding is important. Start from the top and work down, don't start disbudding at the base of the plant. When in July or August the plants first show flower buds at the top, select a vigorous bud which you wish to bloom, then take off the side buds and shoots on the first two or three joints down from the selected bud. Before this bud will have developed into a flower, other branches will have grown up from beneath, and will be ready to disbud. Continue to disbud faithfully and it will repay you with *more* and *better* and *larger* flowers throughout the season. Most of the varieties we offer in this catalogue will naturally produce large flowers without disbudding, but if not disbudded the later flowers may become smaller and with open centers. With faithful disbudding a constant succession of nice large blooms may be had. Cut off the old blooms as soon as the backs become unsightly. This stimulates the plant to produce new buds more rapidly and promptly.

Storing of Dahlia Roots

SOME folks have trouble keeping their roots over winter, and sometimes lose some. Others have no trouble at all. We believe that the greatest loss of roots is caused by their becoming too greatly dried on the day they are dug and during the first few days or weeks after digging. We recommend that they be not dug too soon after an early frost. November 1st is normally soon enough. Watch the weather and if dry postpone digging for a while. If abnormally heavy rains start after frost, dig to avoid possible root rot on poorly drained soil.

Call on us at digging time and see how we do it. It may pay you. A few lose their roots because of poor methods of digging and do not realize it.

It is not necessary to cut the tops off before digging. Dig carefully around the Dahlia plants, finally removing each clump with a good ball of earth. Cut the stem off short and dust it well with powdered sulphur or sulphur containing a little lime. Do not expose the roots for any length of time to a drying wind or sun. Prompt action in following these directions may prevent loss of roots. Store preferably in a cool basement near the floor but not in a wet place. If basement is warm, store roots as far away from heat as possible and protect the clumps by packing in peat moss, sand, ashes, leaves, or sawdust and cover the whole container well, placing it as near the floor as possible. A little sulphur mixed with packing material is good to prevent mildew. The container should be large enough to hold the clumps together with four to six inches of packing on each side, underneath and on the top.

If one has a successful method of storing Dahlia roots, we do not recommend changing. Inspection of the roots at weekly intervals during November and December will often enable one to anticipate loss.



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BOWL OF POMPONS

JOIN THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

THIS Society is invaluable as an inspiration to its members. The Quarterly Bulletins are full of information and enthusiasm about Dahlias. The secretary is Mr. C. Louis Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Connecticut.

On receipt of \$2.00 annual dues we will propose you as a member of this National Society. This will include subscription to the

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The leading Dahlia Publication

THE OHIO VALLEY DAHLIA ASSOCIATION

THIS Regional Society embraces five states. The Annual Show is held in Cincinnati. In 1935 the show was placed in the Hotel Netherland Plaza in three air-conditioned halls. The effect of this atmosphere was to more than double the life of the flowers. Probably there was never a Dahlia Show before at which the blooms, at the end of the show, were in practically as good condition as at the beginning. It was the best Dahlia Show the writer has yet witnessed.

Next September 26 and 27 the Midwest Dahlia Show will be held at the Netherland Plaza. Four big halls will be available, all air-conditioned. No other flower than the Dahlia will be shown. Exhibits will be brought or sent from probably as many as twelve or more states. We venture to forecast that this show will be the biggest the country has ever known.

For *Membership* in this organization send \$1.50 to us. This will include subscription to the *Mid West Dahlia News* and Mr. Eldredge's outstanding *Annual Dahlia Travelogue*.



MINIATURE DAHLIA RED HEAD

The Future of the Dahlia

IN the past some varieties of Dahlias have been introduced, that had not much more than size to recommend them. The greatest future of the Dahlia lies in the development of new varieties that please the florist.

The large flowered exhibition Dahlia may just as well be one that keeps when cut. We like the immense dahlias as much as anyone, provided they are also beautiful. But since Jersey's Beauty, there has been a too long interval, during which practically no dahlias have been introduced combining qualities that are entirely acceptable to florists in general, and the vigor enabling them to grow well and produce well in almost any situation or soil. The new Dahlia, Queen City, has more than met these specifications with us.

Last Season's Record

“**O**NE extreme follows another.” Nature is not temperate. Following the heat and drought of 1934, 1935 brought us one of the wettest summers on record. The rainfall was as follows:

May, 7.53 inches; June, 4.30 inches; July, 7.43 inches; August 8.23 inches; September, 5.10 inches. Almost a year's rainfall in five months. For two periods of about two weeks each there was no evaporation and a soil continually saturated. Even on level ground the soil erosion was very great. Our system of drainage tiling again proved invaluable.

In view of this, we had a successful season, fine flowers and many varieties gave us a bigger root crop than ever. There were some losses in two poorly drained spots.

At the O. V. D. A. show in Cincinnati we won first for large (250 ft.) commercial display and our new Queen City won numerous prizes including two medals at Cincinnati and elsewhere. The season ended October 10th with heavy frost.

Variety Index

All the large flowered varieties we grow, with few exceptions, are alphabetically listed in the Table of Ratings on page 8 to 12 inclusive, and under the headings:

FORMAL DECORATIVE

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

SEMI-CACTUS

STRAIGHT AND INCURVED CACTUS

Our new introductions for 1936, as well as those which we have acquired of other growers are listed on pages 5, 6 and 7 in alphabetical order.

In addition to the above we have a short descriptive section on pages 17 to 19 in which we briefly mention about fifty varieties.

Miniature, Pompon, and Ball dahlias are listed on page 14.

Golden Rule Collections

(Positively no change will be made in collections. Collections are not subject to any further discount.)

COLLECTION 1

One strong root division each of Buckeye King, Honor Bright, Rockley Moon and Arcturus, value \$6.00 for.....**\$4.00**

COLLECTION 2

One strong root division each of Buckeye Queen, Mrs. Geo. le Boutillier, Kay Frances and Anna Benedict, value \$20.00 for**\$16.50**
Same in plants for..... **\$8.50**

COLLECTION 3

One strong root division each of Pres. Roosevelt, Agnes Young, Son of Com- modore, Monmouth General, City of Trenton, and America's Sweetheart, value \$14.50 for**\$9.75**

COLLECTION 4

One strong root division each of Cavalcade, Tower's Empire, Adirondack Sun- set, and Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, value \$20.50 for..... **\$14.50**
Same in plants for..... **7.25**

COLLECTION 5

One strong root division each of Cameo, Mary Helen, Hillcrest Royalist and Forest Fire, \$8.25 value for..... **\$5.50**

GRAB BAG

Ten (10) strong root divisions, ten varieties, each labeled, our selection, extra good value, for.....**\$2.00**

